

**THATCHER MOBILE HOME PARK  
2254 S. RIVERSIDE DRIVE  
IOWA CITY, IA 52246**

July 27, 2010

Chairperson, I-Jobs Board of Directors  
c/o Joseph Jones, Director of Governmental Affairs  
Iowa Finance Authority  
2015 Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50312

Dear Chairperson,

It is our pleasure to write a letter in support of the West Side Levee which the City of Iowa City is seeking funding from I-Jobs II. The \$3.95 million project which will create a levee along the west bank of the Iowa River will be welcome relief for the flood prone businesses and residences in the area.

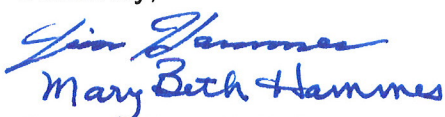
We own Thatcher Mobile Home Park which has 60 homes and about 200 residents. In addition to protecting the 60 homes in our park, the levee would also protect the adjacent mobile home park with approximately 130 home sites and the commercial area in the nearby Commercial Court area. A number of Thatcher Mobile Home Park residents work in the nearby businesses that would be protected by the proposed levee.

When the levee is completed, we will be able to invest over \$1,000,000 in our business and add 45 to 50 additional sites for manufactured homes. This investment will not only add to the affordable housing stock in Iowa City, but it will also add to the City's tax base.

We have reviewed the City's engineering plans and have met with City staff numerous times to discuss the proposed project. We are excited about the opportunity to protect the residents from future flooding.

Thank you for your strong consideration of this vital request for disaster prevention project funding.

Sincerely,



Jim and Mary Beth Hammes

July 27, 2010



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Dear Mr. Jones,

On behalf of the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce, please accept my enthusiastic support for the City of Iowa City's I-Jobs II application for the West Side Levee project. The \$3.8 million project will protect businesses and residences in the flood-prone area along the Iowa River between the CRANDIC Rail Road Bridge and the McCollister Boulevard Bridge.

Nearly 50 businesses in the Commercial Court neighborhood were deeply affected by the flood of 2008. These include representatives of the construction, furniture, and auto industries, along with contractors serving regional and national clients. This project will provide necessary security from the threat of flooding for these businesses who contribute to our area's vibrant and diverse business environment.

Commercial Court is currently home to more than 400 individuals in 160 mobile residences. This disaster prevention funding is of utmost importance in ensuring the safety of community members who reside in this susceptible area.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with the City of Iowa City on this vital project, and welcome any questions regarding our support.

Sincerely,

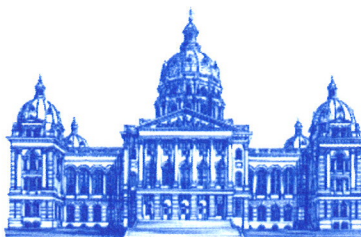
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Equally important are the two mobile home parks adjacent to the Iowa River with over 160 homes, housing upwards of 400 residents who find employment nearby in the Commercial Court Neighborhood and other areas of the community. The owner of one of the mobile home parks has indicated that they will invest over \$1,000,000 in the park to improve and dramatically increase the number of affordable home sites if the levee is approved. This investment will not only add to the affordable housing stock in Iowa City, but it will also add to the City's tax base.

Thank you for your strong consideration of this request for disaster prevention project funding.

Sincerely,

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Senator Robert E. Dvorsky





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Chairperson, I-Jobs Board of Directors  
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July 20, 2010

Dear Mr. Jones,

As a small family owned business that resides in the Riverside Drive and Commercial Drive area since 1951, I would like to add our vote in support of the funding from I-Jobs II for the West Side Levee Project. The \$3.8 million project, which will create a levee along the west bank of the Iowa River between the CRANDIC Rail Road Bridge and the McCollister Boulevard Bridge, will be welcome relief for the flood prone businesses and residences in the area.

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Thank you for your strong consideration of this vital request for disaster prevention project funding.

Sincerely,

John Balmer  
CEO, Plumbers Supply Company



**Parts4Sale.com**  
Recycled VW & Audi Parts

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My personal business has 4 employees, one of which owns a home and lives in the nearby flood prone mobile home neighborhood.

Thank you for your strong consideration of this vital request for disaster prevention project funding.

Sincerely,

Blake Hendrickson  
Owner of VWParts4sale.com

DAVID LOEBSACK

2ND DISTRICT, IOWA

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July 30, 2010

Jeff Pomeranz, Chairperson  
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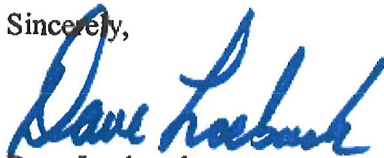
I write to express my support for consideration of an IJOBS grant application for flood protection along the west bank of the Iowa River in Iowa City, IA. The application is specifically for \$3.95 million to assist the city in constructing a levee that is needed to protect nearly 50 small business, 190 mobile homes and over 400 residents from future flooding similar to the flooding that occurred in 2008.

I understand, and have witnessed firsthand on numerous occasions, the amount of damage the City of Iowa City suffered as a result of the Floods of 2008. As the city works to repair and rebuild homes, businesses, and infrastructure that were all damaged, grant funding through the IJOBS program will be an important piece in overall recovery.

The proposed levee in the grant application will provide increased security for the residents and small businesses in this flood prone area. Nearly 50 businesses in the Commercial Court neighborhood were impacted by the Floods of 2008. The levee has the potential to solidify further investments in the business park and allow the mobile home parks to expand and increase affordable home options in Iowa City which will add to the City's tax base.

According to the City of Iowa City, the owner of one of the mobile home parks has indicated that they will invest over \$1,000,000 in their park to make improvements and to add 45 to 50 affordable home sites if the levee is approved. This investment will not only add to the affordable housing stock in Iowa City, it will also add to the City's tax base. I respectfully urge timely consideration of this application and thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Dave Loebuck  
Iowa's Second District



July 26, 2010

Chairperson, I-Jobs Board of Directors  
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in Unexpected Places*

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Dear Mr. Pomeranz:

The West Side Levee project in Iowa City is deserving of state support and will have an enormous impact on the well being a many businesses in the Iowa City region. I am asking you to consider this project in your next round of funding for I-Jobs projects. The \$3.95 million project, which will create a levee along the west bank of the Iowa River, will be welcome relief for the flood prone businesses and residences in the immediate area.

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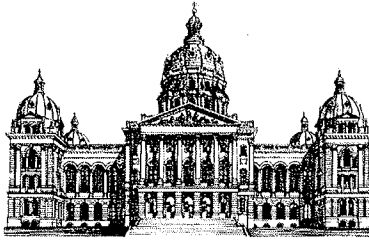
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State Representative Mary Mascher



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It will also protect McCollister Boulevard, an important east-west link in Iowa City, from future flood events.

This project is a great example of smart planning principles. It protects existing businesses, housing, and infrastructure along with creating new opportunities for expansion in the area. It will allow for a possible bike trail to be created on the top of the levee that would connect with the Iowa River Corridor Bike Trail. The area is already served by public transportation and is near the Terry Trueblood Recreation area.

Thank you for your strong consideration of this request for disaster prevention project funding.

Sincerely,

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE

Senator Joe Bolkcom